

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Former Chewsville School Inventory Number: WA-I-287
 Address: 21010 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
 City: Chewsville Zip Code: 21721 County: Washington
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Hagerstown
 Property Owner: Ilse Marie Bramson Tax Account ID Number: 017792
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 145 Tax Map Number: 39
 Project: Chewsville Streetscape Improvements Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company
 Preparer's Name: Emma Young Date Prepared: 3/26/2007

Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form, WA-I-287, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no

Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description:

The building identified as the "Former Chewsville School" was previously surveyed in 1977 using a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form (WA-I-287, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland. The property was not evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the 1977 survey.) This form is to serve as an update and expansion of the 1977 MIHP form.

The former Chewsville School is located at 21010 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) in Chewsville, Washington County, Maryland. A long gravel drive leads north from Twin Springs Drive to the building, which occupies a 0.76-acre parcel. The property is located adjacent to the north side of the Bethel United Methodist Church (WA-I-884).

The two-and-a-half-story, former school building was erected in 1878 as a two-room, one-story, brick school. A second story was added to the original block circa 1878. A front-gabled, two-story addition extending from the west elevation of the side-gabled original block was constructed in 1904 and gives the building its current T-shape. The former school was converted for use as a

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MHT Comments:

Tim O'Leary ✓
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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private residence in 1925 (Maryland Cracker Barrel 2005: 10).

Alterations to the building since the 1977 survey include the installation of one-over-one light, double-hung sash, aluminum, replacement windows, complete with vinyl surrounds, and single-leaf, aluminum, replacement doors on the east and north (rear) elevations. New window openings have been installed in the south elevation, and each door opening in this elevation contains a replacement, one-light, aluminum storm door. The south elevation also contains inoperable, vinyl, replacement shutters. The north elevation contains a re-pointed, brick, exterior chimney.

The exterior is clad in brick laid in common bond. A circa-1975, full-height, curved porch, located in the area formed by the original block and the circa-1878 western addition, dominates the façade (south elevation). Slender columns resting on a raised, fieldstone foundation supports the flat roof of the porch. The main entrance, located in the south elevation of the original block, consists of double-leaf doors protected by replacement, aluminum storm doors and capped by a semi-circular, six-light fanlight. Although the fenestration pattern in the original block is still visible, the majority of the openings have been filled in with brick. The east elevation is lit by two replacement, hexagonal windows with faux lights. A replacement, aluminum storm door shelters a paneled, replacement door in the north elevation and leads to a fieldstone patio. The elevation's second story is lit by a one-over-one light, double-hung sash, replacement window.

The two-story west addition measures two bays wide and five bays deep. One-over-one light, double-hung sash, aluminum, replacement windows light the addition, which appears to retain its original fenestration pattern. Two secondary entrances are located in the east elevation on each side of the original block. Both entrances contain aluminum replacement doors sheltered by replacement, aluminum storm doors. A large, rectangular pedestrian opening in the second floor of the north end of the east elevation suggests the north end may have contained a two-story porch and/or balcony at one time. Two small, multi-light windows light the south gable of the addition.

Overall, the dwelling, which is currently vacant, stands in relatively good condition.

A two-story, circa-1975 garage, clad in vinyl siding, sits to the southwest of the former school building. Mature deciduous and evergreen trees dot the grassy lawn that surrounds the building.

Historical Narrative:

Property History

Prior to 1878, the children of Chewsville attended a small, one-room school located on the north side of the Hagerstown-Cavetown Road (Twin Springs Drive/MD 804). The one-room school house was located across the road from the Shilling/Spessard Farm (WA-I-051, 20905 Twin Springs Drive), adjacent to the dwelling that now sits at 20920 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804). From 1836 until 1878, this small, one-room school house served as the only school building in Chewsville.

In 1878, the Board of School Commissioners of Washington County deemed it necessary to replace the small school building. On August 2, 1878, Lydia Resh conveyed a small parcel of ground adjacent to the Bethel United Methodist Church to the Board of School Commissioners of Washington County for \$100. By December of 1878, a two-room, brick school building, the former Chewsville School building currently located at 21010 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), was erected. Ten years later, a second story was added to the building. In 1904, a front addition of two stories was added under the trusteeship of John H. Harp, Daniel E. Oswald, and Barry M. Hartle (Maryland Cracker Barrel 2005: 10).

By 1924, the students of Chewsville again outgrew their educational facility. A lot on the north side of Twin Springs Drive (MD

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804), only a few yards west of the two-and-a-half-story, brick school building, was chosen as the site for a new, four-room, brick school building (20940 Twin Springs Drive/MD 804), which housed eight grades.

On February 25, 1925, the Board of Education of Washington County (formerly the Board of School Commissioners of Washington County) sold the 1878 school building to George P. Spessard for \$800. Since 1925, the building has served as a private residence.

On March 27, 1937, the heirs of George P. Spessard (Edward W. Spessard, et al.) sold the small lot, measuring 0.76-acres to Bertie M. Grimm for ten dollars. Bertie M. Grimm, and her husband, William McKinley Grimm, kept the property for three decades. On January 3, 1967, the Grimms sold the property to Grady M. Grimm and Gary Martin Grimm, joint tenants, for ten dollars. Five years later, on October 15, 1972, the Grimms sold the property to Ted and Nancy Baldwin for ten dollars. The Baldwins sold the property to John and Sandra Salvatore on April 1, 1974, again for ten dollars.

On May 20, 1987, the Salvatores sold the property to Maurice and Anne Bearese for \$92,000. Five years later, the Beareses conveyed the property on May 26, 1992 to Timothy and Beth Sollenberger Morphew for \$123,000. The Morphews kept the property for just three years, after which they sold the lot to Ralph Berger on February 10, 1995 for \$137,500. On November 5, 2000, the trustees of Ralph Berger conveyed the property to Carrie A. Johnson for \$162,500, after which, Carrie Johnson, widow, sold the property to the present owner, Ilse Marie Bramson on September 17, 2002 for an unspecified amount.

Significance Evaluation:

The former Chewsville School building, located at 21010 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) in Chewsville, Washington County, Maryland is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The building exhibits numerous alterations and additions that hinder the property's ability to convey its period of construction (1878-1904).

According to the National Register of Historic Places guidelines established by the National Park Service, the quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, site, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with lives of significant persons in our past;
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (National Park Service 1997).

The former Chewsville School building, located at 21010 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804) is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The building is not associated with any events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history.

The former Chewsville School building is not eligible under Criterion B because it has no known association with the lives of individuals of historical importance.

The former Chewsville School building is not eligible under Criterion C because the building does not possess the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify it for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The building has been substantially

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altered and no longer conveys its historic use as a school building. The building does not represent the work of a master, nor does it possess high artistic values.

The property was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of the architectural survey and evaluation.

The former Chewsville School Building possesses integrity of setting and location, retaining its location to the north side of Twin Springs Drive (MD 804), set back from the north side of the Bethel United Methodist Church property. The building retains integrity of design, with the late-nineteenth-century, T-shaped footprint intact. The building exhibits replacement windows and doors, as well as new window openings, all of which detract from integrity of materials and workmanship. The building's conversion to a private residence in 1925 further detracts from the building's ability to convey its former use as a school building; therefore, the property does not retain integrity of association. The lack of integrity of workmanship, materials, and association culminates in the lack of integrity of feeling. The former Chewsville School building does not retain sufficient integrity from the period of construction (1878-1904) necessary to deem it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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1992 Land Record Liber 1043, Folio 594

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2002 Land Record 1832, Folio 90

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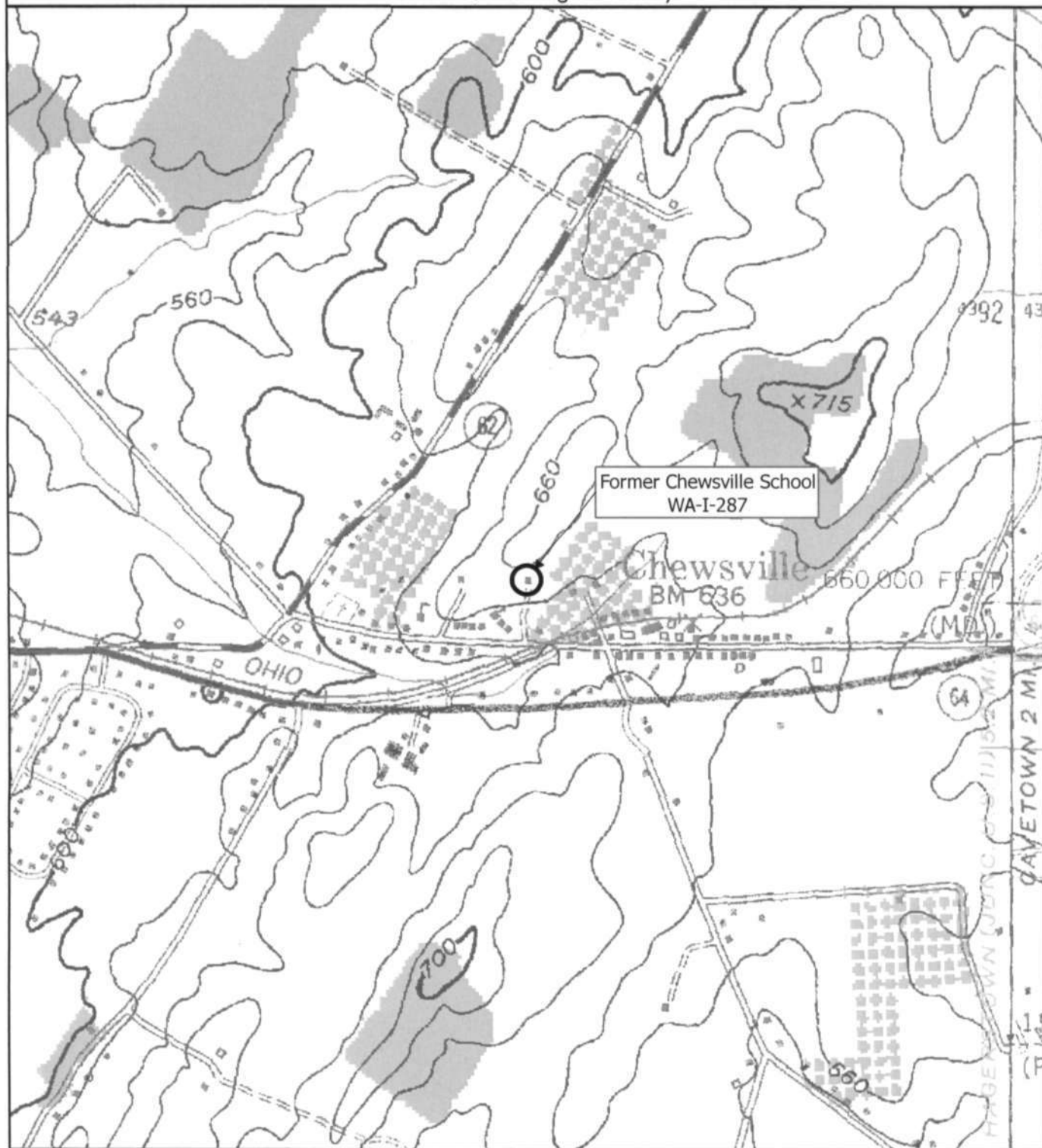
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21010 Twin Springs Drive (MD 804)
Chewsville, Washington County



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Chewsville
BM 636

OHIO

MD 64

HAVERHILL TOWN (MD) 11135 MI
CAVETOWN 2 MI



1,000 0 1,000
Feet

Resource

Map Source:
USGS 7.5' DRG: Hagerstown, MD; Smithsburg, MD.



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Former Chewsville School

Washington County, Maryland

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MD SHPO

South & east elevations; view to northwest

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Former Chewsville School

WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

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east elevation, view to southwest

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east & north elevations; view to southwest

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South & west elevations; view to northeast; west elevation
of garage

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PS-2. DETOURING



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former Chewsville school

Washington County, Maryland

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South & east elevations of former school building;
east elevation of garage; view to northwest

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ABSTRACT

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Late 19th Century

Former Chewsville School

Chewsville

private

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WA-I-287
 District 18
 Map 51
 Parcel 182
 MAGI # 220502 5602
 592

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Former Chewsville School

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Chewsville (North of the Main Street) (MD 804)

CITY, TOWN

Chewsville

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. John Salvatore

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 57

CITY, TOWN

Chewsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 575

Folio #: 485

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED < 50%

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The former Chewsville School is located at the north edge of Chewsville at the end of a private drive. The building, now a residence, is situated on high ground and faces south.

The building is a two story, L-shaped brown brick structure, two stories high resting on stone foundations. Each of the end walls is two bays wide. A number of the openings have been bricked shut but existing original windows and evidence remaining of the others show segmentally arched heads. A round window is located in the east gable.

The main entrance is located in the south elevation of the east wing of the building. It is a broad arched opening lined with a double course of header bricks. Double doors are hung beneath the semicircular arch. A modern two story curved porch has been added to the entrance elevation.

The roof has been covered with asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Chimneys are located inside the south end wall of the north wing and at the interior of the east section.

Although much altered from its original use as a school, this building, now a private residence, appears to be in excellent condition. It stands on a tract containing .76 acres.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Chewsville School, a two story brown brick building with a gable roof appears to date from the late 19th century. The parcel of ground on which the school stands was conveyed to the Board of Education on August 2, 1878 by Lydia Resh (77/150). The building provides an example of school architecture of the late 19th century and illustrates the type of educational facility in use in Washington County at the time.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .76 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

June 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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